

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/710,948

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief filed 6/21/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-18, 20-31 and 33-39.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11/13/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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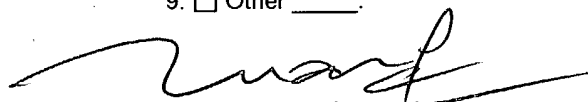
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


TUAN DAM
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Appeal Brief

1. This action is responsive to the Appeal Brief filed June 21, 2004.
2. Applicant's argument, see Remarks/Arguments, page 5-11, filed June 21, 2004, with respect to claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-31 and 33-39 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-31 and 33-39 has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Statement of Reason(s) for Allowance

3. Claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-31 and 33-39 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The examiner agrees with Applicants as point out on page 10 of the Appeal Brief that the prior of record, i.e., "How Debuggers Work: algorithm, data structure, and architecture" to Rosenberg et al. ("Rosenberg"), and US Patent No. 5,881,288 to Sumi et al. ("Sumi"), when taken individually or in combination, fails to teach the following limitation taken in combination with the remaining limitations of the independent claims (1, 14 and 27):

"... first operating system module ... second operating system module ... to a second operating system module ... from the second operating system module ... used by the operating system for uniquely identifying the executable file ..."

Which is to say that use *of operating system modules to determine actual memory locations for instruction of an executable image loaded in a target computer system and inserting these location in the executable image.*

Taken in the context of the present invention, the executable image can be debugged using operating system modules of a computer system that are the same modules available in the target computer system. That is, the modules are not special modules of debugger software. Also, the arrangement allows identifying a breakpoint without additional debug information at run time and without making any assumptions about load location or process contexts of executable code being debugged.

Rosenberg, instead, only teaches method for identifying a break point setting involving specifying a file name and line number or file offset in a source file. Rosenberg does not teach in an executable as in the subject of the present application. Sumi teaches setting a breakpoint in the executable file. Both Rosenberg and Sumi do not teach use of operating system modules to determine actual memory locations for instruction of an executable image loaded in a target computer system and inserting these location in the executable image.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang J Tang whose telephone number is 703-305-4866. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

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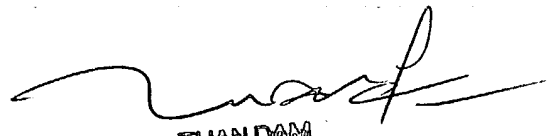
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on 703-305-4552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

After October 25, 2004, examiner can be reached at new telephone number (571) 272-3705, and the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695.

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